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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-76 (Cancelled).

Claim 77 (Currently Amended). An automated shipping machine for use in mailing parcels and envelopes, comprising:

means for receiving payment from a customer;

a scale for weighing a parcel or envelope to be mailed defining a parcel weight;

a display for displaying at least two selectable delivery options;

an input system for receiving information representative of a destination for said parcel or envelope to be mailed, and an indication of the delivery option selected by the customer, said delivery option selectable from at least two delivery options.

a processor system, in communication with said input system and said scale, for receiving said information representative of the destination, the selected delivery option and said parcel weight and computing a cost for mailing said package parcel or envelope to said destination as a function of said parcel weight and the selected delivery option;

printer means in communication with said processor for printing a bar code label for placement on the package parcel or envelope to be mailed identifying at least said destination representative information and to print a shipping receipt for an amount including at least the cost of delivering said parcel or envelope to said destination via the delivery service chosen by said customer.

Claim 78 (Cancelled).

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Claim 79 (Previously Presented). The automated shipping machine as recited in claim 77, wherein said input system includes a touch screen CRT.

Claim 80 (Previously Presented). The automated shipping machine as recited in claim 77, wherein said payment receiving means includes a credit card reader.